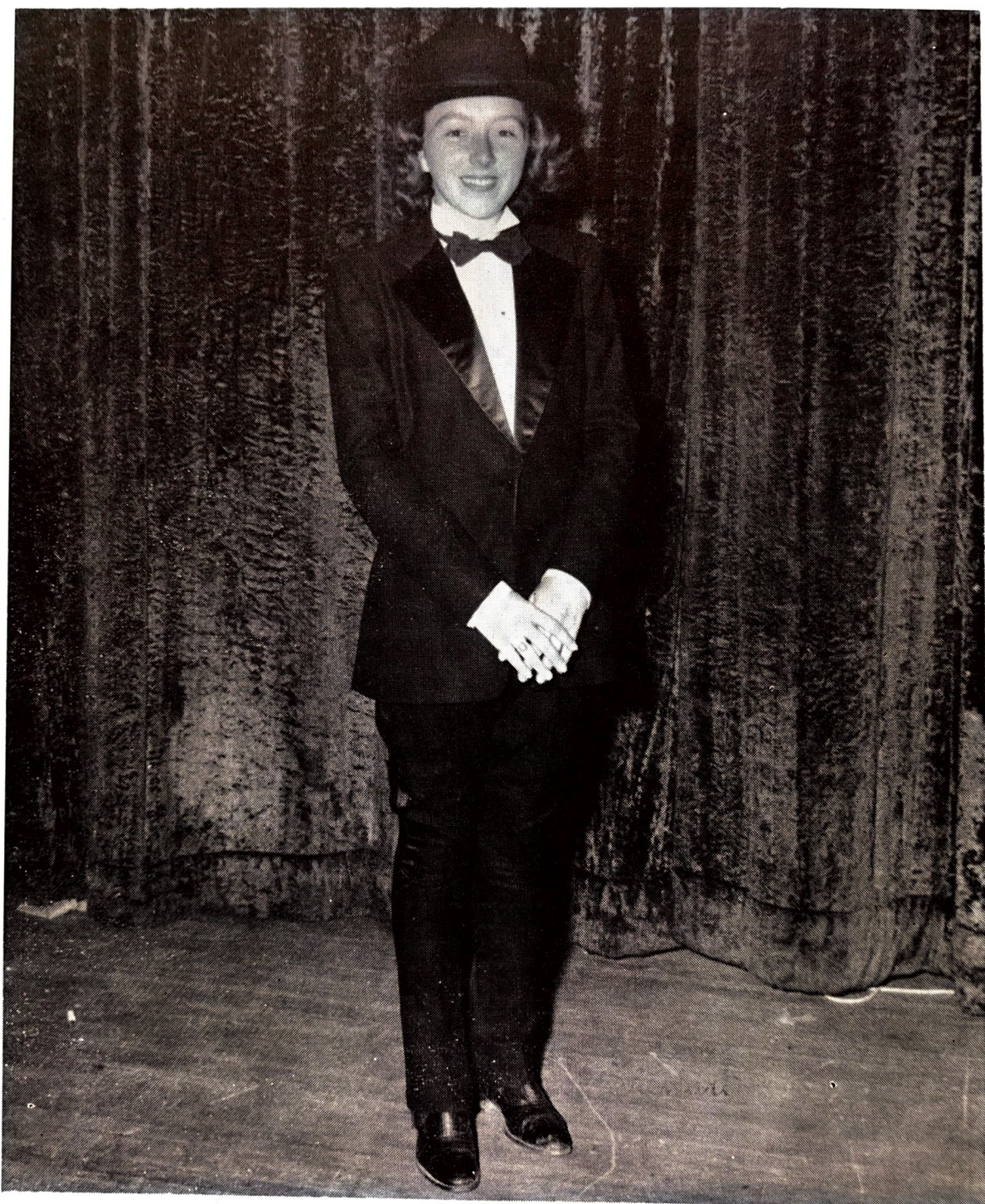




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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 1, 8 p. m.
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OPEN MEETING DRAWS LARGEST CROWD EVER

The problem of "Who's that? He looks familiar" was solved at the biggest Open Forum Meeting ever held, when everyone showed up at the Salem Room, Hotel Claremont on October 4, in riding clothes.

Credit for a pleasant meeting place, an excellent program, and delightful refreshments beautifully served, goes to Director Howard Young, who even with a death in the family that week, completed all of the arrangements.

Almost everyone saw themselves in either photographs, colored slides, or movies. The exhibit tables of publicity and scrap books, and photographs of the horse show by Sam Cohen, attracted many.

Robbie Robinson, Eastman Kodak agent and manager of the Federal Drug Company on Grand Avenue, showed his fine pictures of the George Daniels' Trail Ride and Field Day. We noticed that Lish Coffey's face got pretty red when the nice shots of one trail were shown . . . she had led the riders on the wrong trail while photographers waited in vain!

Colored slides of M.H.A. members at the Palm Springs Convention and shots of the 1951 M.H.A. Horse Show were shown by Lish Coffey, and the members were amazed to see how many beautifully decorated windows advertising our show had been arranged by Nina Stern.

Howard Young procured a fine color and sound film on the History of the Horse. In no time at all we had our Eohippus, Epihippus, Mesohippus, Protohippus—all straightened out and it made us kind of mad that we spent a year in a college course trying to learn this—and flunked the course.

SEPTEMBER RIDE

Bonnie Hooper, leader, arrived at the Crossroads in swirling fog and peered through the mist looking for riders, who soon emerged from all directions.

After a nice ride through Portuguese Flat, Windy Gulch, over the creek trail recently cleared by Clyde Smith, Barbara Fritsche and Alicia Coffey, the group proceeded up the ridge, along the side of Dark Canyon then up to the arena where Bud Hooper had hot coffee ready. Potato salad and lemonade supplemented the lunches brought by the riders.

Enjoying the day were: Onalee Phillips, Clyde Smith, A. B. Graham, Miss Phase from Wyoming, Mike Collins, Judy White, Es Norris, Dutch Cummings, Genevieve Beals, Maxine Patterson, Marlene Smith, Bill Barnard, Joe and Mrs. Kennedy, Bonny Hooper, Alicia Coffey. Joining the group for lunch were Olla, Linda, Dorothy and Mrs. Barnard and Susie Hooper.

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Corrine Smith	87 1/8
Margaret Shank	85 1/2
Robert Gee	87 1/4
Duane Lockhart	85

Western (based on 70%)

Margaret Shank	62 1/4
Corrine Smith	58 7/8
Duane Lockhart	63
Dick Gillott	58 1/2

English (based on 70%)

Corrine Smith	58 7/8
Margaret Shank	54
Robert Gee	56 3/4
Duane Lockhart	53

THANK YOU

The Trail Blazer Staff would like to thank George Walling for the very complimentary letter regarding the article "A Shot in the Arm." It's our first fan letter and is our cover red!

IN MEMORIAM

Peg Talstrom, wife of Ted Talstrom, mother of Margaret Rukavina, passed away after a long illness, on October 6. Peg was a charter member of the Lari-ettes, and served as their reporter on the Trail Blazer.

Joseph P. Souza was killed in an automobile accident on September 26.

To the families of these members, the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association extends sincere sympathy.

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Corrine Smith competing against the best from the 13 districts of the California State Horsemen's Association, won the ALL-AROUND GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP, the ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP, and RESERVE WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP at the Blue Ribbon Show at Stockton. She also won the following: 5th in English Pleasure Class on Bengal Tiger; 2nd on Saucy Countess in English Equitation; 5th on Saucy Countess in Open Hunters. The members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association are indeed proud of their junior representative.

Although Duane Lockhart did not represent M.H.A. our editor feels like his vicarious grandmother, since Duane's mother is a former pupil of the editor. Duane won Reserve All-Around Boys' Championship, Western Championship and Reserve English Campionship.

Aahmes Shrine Rangers won the Senior Drill Championship in exceedingly tough competition and in the parade took 1st in Best Silver Mounted Unit, 3rd in Best Mounted Peace Officers' Group, 2nd in Best Mounted Men's Group. Their Sets of Fours took 2nd and their Ring Spearing Team took 4th. Individual members winning places were: Fred Bemis and Archie Brown 2nd in Matched Western Pairs; in the parade, Fred Bemis and Archie Brown took 2nd in Best Matched Pair with Silver Outfit.

Highest Honors in the Palomino Class went to Mrs. Gerald Gray on Show Boat, California Grand Champion Palomino, Mrs. Walter Grondona took 3rd on Rugged Annie, and Geneva Menicucci 4th on Hi Heels.

In matched pairs, Mrs. Walter Grondona and Walleen on Miss Cindy and Ace, took 5th; Geneva Menicucci on Hi Heels and Miss O'Shea on the Grondonas' Golden Cloud, took 3rd.

Walleen Grondona on Golden Cloud took 3rd in Western Equitation (12 and under); 5th in English Equitation; 3rd in Best Working Outfit (under 17) in the parade; Walter Grondona, Jr., scored again with a 3rd in the Best Novelty Outfit; Mrs. Grondona took 2nd in Best Women's Working Outfit.

In Trail Horse Class, Geneva Menicucci won 2nd; thus Hi Heels was named California Reserve Champion Trail Horse. Mrs. Grondona's Rugged Annie and Miss Cindy took 4th and 5th; Norma Burton riding Tactful Jones took 3rd and in Western Pleasure Class 5th.

Pat Rukavina who had to change horses

just before entering the ring, took 4th in Western Equitation (12 and under) and 3rd in English Equitation. Margaret Rukavina took 4th in Western Pleasure Class.

Charles and Helen Rochi well deserved their first in Best Silver Mounted Pair in the Parade.

Travelling to the Convention in horse-drawn stage coaches were groups from Concord and Castro Valley. George Cardinet dressed as Daniel Boone escorted the coach in which Kay and George Walling rode; Baird Porter drove the coach from Castro Valley and Jack Richards' granddaughter Marlene Prada rode with the escorting horsemen.

Competition this year was especially keen and while some of our good friends and members didn't win, remember that they had to be GOOD to qualify.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Dr. Roger Daniels, President, for his gracious and efficient manner of handling some tricky situations he's been an excellent president;

To Forrest Paul, Regional Vice-President from Costa Mesa, upon his election to the C.S.H.A. Presidency; our best wishes for a blue ribbon year;

To Colonel Bode, our new Fifth Region Vice-President.

To George Walling, retiring Vice-President, for his successful year, and for the splendid work he did in planning the horse shows and acting as Ring Master;

To the gracious people of Stockton, the Stockton Convention Bureau, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stewart, for putting on a most successful convention.

MEMBERS ATTENDING CONVENTION:

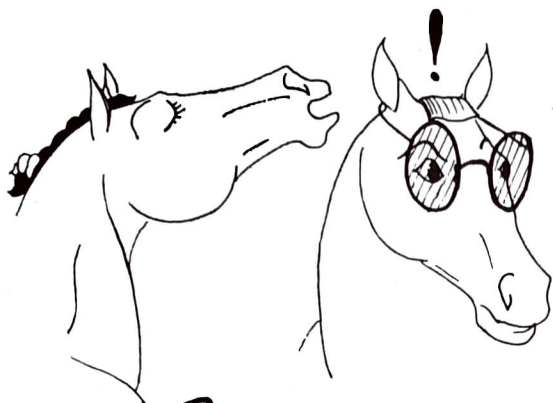
Delegates Mary Gale, Kay Jones, Alicia Coffey, Ralph Coffey, Burton Thomas, Chairman.

C.S.H.A. officials and committee members: George Walling, Jack Richards, Eddie Martin, George Cardinet, Merritt Herick.

Other M.H.A. members in addition to participants: Louis and Mrs. Albert, Harry and Mrs. Peckham, all the Shrine Rangers and wives, Genevieve Beals, Mary Richards, Mae Jackson, Ted and Agnes Hofer, Giles Hunter, Deane Burton, a large contingent of Lari-ettes in the parade, Dutch and Harold Cummings.

The College of the Pacific had nothing on us. . . the horsemen had a Home Coming celebration, too.





Personals

RECOVERING from a leg injury, is Bill Barnard, Jr. GRADUATING from his cast but unable to don boots, is Burton Thomas.

INVITING her mother to tea at Arizona State College, Joella Mahoney, Trail Blazer Art Editor wrote, "Could you come, Mom?" whereupon, the two Mahoney boys presented their mother with a round trip plane ride to Arizona.

SYMPATHY is extended to our Director Howard Young in the recent loss of his father.

MOVING DAY: Willis Nutall to Oroville; Cora Prifold to Washington, D. C.; Clifford Blackett to Burlingame; Kenneth and Dorothy Bemis to Laguna Beach; Johnny Hook to Pleasanton; Mrs. Madelynne Myers to Hayward; Charles and James Di Bari to San Leandro; the Vogels to Crow Canyon.

RECENTLY JOINTED M.H.A.: Charles Buchanan, vice-president of the All Brite Fluorescent Fixture Company and member of the Board of Directors of the Fred Finch Home; Marilyn and Nancy Varney of Berkeley; Judy Wise of All Saints School; Lydia Tobey of Tobey's Mexican Dinners; Donna Claire Amborn of Castro Valley.

We understand that wedding bells rang for a couple of members, but it's still a big secret.

← OCTOBER MEETING

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Loretta Cosca, sponsored by El Nido Rancho, made a big hit at the Oakland Rodeo with her roping tricks. Scotty, Jimmy, and Sandy Black thrilled the audience. Poppy, Loretta's trick horse, has been sold to Nicky Hills who is receiving instructions from Loretta. Another pupil of Loretta's is Stevie Cosca who will be two years old in January.

Jimmy is breaking two horses for Barney Weisgerber; Jimmy, Jr. and Bill showed at the Cow Palace; Tiny showed Rabbit at Mills.

Faithfully riding on Mounted Police duty in the hills, are Russ King and his Palomino, Pal, and Charles Spatz and Bud, registered Tennessee Walker. Making splendid progress as a cutting horse, is Ronnie, Carl Ried's Quarter Horse. (Right here, girls, make a female wolf call . . . you should see Carl in his new shotgun chaps!)

Newcomers at Skyline include Charles and Mrs. Buchanan and their pinto and brown mares; E. J. Wilson and daughter who have purchased Dr. Allen's sorrel mare; Mary McCauley and her thoroughbred pleasure horse.

Don Nicholson and Jubilee Gold, Larry Duff and Rassoul showed at the Cow Palace.

The new veterinarian school at Davis received compliments from Roger Farrar whose horse received treatment at the school.

MISS GRAHAM received one of those nice notes from the Bridoons recently. Hiring Miss Graham's horses, the Bridoons rode for two hours in the Portuguese Flat area where showers fell, and rounded off the ride with a fine breakfast at the Skyline Kitchen.

Linda Bandel and Joan Peterson who are often seen riding at Graham's, spent two weeks at a girls' camp this summer; Joan also travelled up the Sacramento River with her parents, and Linda had a holiday at Carmel.

Judy Hawxhurst and her horse Pinky spent most of the summer in Healdsburg, and have now returned to Miss Graham's as has Dee Vee who has been at Don Watson's ranch for the summer.

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FIFTH REGION DINNER

September 29—a beautiful fall evening at Diablo with Don Marquis graciously greeting the guests . . . Merritt Herrick balancing tickets with dinners. . .

—the guests arriving in everything from cowboy clothes to dinner dresses and all having a good time . . . 42 representatives from M.H.A. but not enough to win the \$50 prize . . .

—the speakers' table filled with notables from the C.S.H.A. and including the genial president Dr. Roger Daniels of Sacramento . . . a specially spotlighted table for the outstanding juniors of the region, Corrine Smith, Duane Lockhart, Pat Wirt, Ward Gallo . . .

—Joe Massone and George Cardinet smoothing out a tight parliamentary argument . . . George Walling receiving a belt and silver buckle in appreciation of his accomplishments as Vice-President.

—Stanley Cosca appealing for funds for a sick member and Nina Stern and Char-mian Ellwein swamped with greenbacks. .

—the long line of people waiting to congratulate Colonel Bode of Pittsburg on his election to a lot of hard work as the new Region 5 President.



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